

II. CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multiple platform architecture data reporting system for managing attribute data, the system, embodied on a computer readable medium, comprising:

a system manager, the system being manager being ~~adapted~~configured to:

collect attribute data including copyright data pertaining to software from multiple platforms;

recognize the copyright data in the attribute data ; and

process the copyright data into a list of copyright data for the system; and

a user interface connected to the system manager for displaying the collected attribute data in the list to a user.

2. (Original) A multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in claim 1 wherein the system manager comprises memory for storing attribute data collected by the system manager.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for managing attribute data in a multiple platform architecture, the method comprising the steps of:

polling at least two platforms for attribute data;

collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling; and

displaying the collected attribute data on a user display for managing attribute data in the multiple platform architecture.

4. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of polling at least two platforms for attribute data further comprises the step of automatically polling the at least two platforms during power on of at least one of the at least two platforms.

5. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of polling at least two platforms for attribute data further comprises the step of polling at least one of the at least two platforms when polling is initiated by a user request.

6. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of collecting the copyright information from the at least two platforms.

7. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of collecting the license information from the at least two platforms.

8. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of storing the attribute data in non-volatile memory.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of automatically displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

10. (Original) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of manually displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of displaying only non- copyright attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

12. (Currently Amended) A software copyright information managing system embodied on a computer readable medium for managing software copyright data in a multiple platform electronic architecture, the system comprising:

a system controller for collecting the software copyright data from multiple platforms;

a user interface connected to the system controller for displaying the software copyright data from the memory to a user.

13. (Original) A software copyright information managing system as in claim 12 wherein the system controller for collecting the software copyright data from multiple platforms further comprises a memory for storing the software copyright data collected by the system controller.

14. (Original) A software copyright information managing system as in claim 13 wherein the memory for storing the software copyright data collected by the system controller further comprises non-volatile memory.

15. (Previously Presented) The multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in Claim 1 wherein the system manager collects attribute data from multiple platforms simultaneously.

16. (Previously Presented) The multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in Claim 1 wherein the attribute data collected is attribute data stored on the multiple platforms and is passed to the user interface.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the list is a list of copyright years for the system in its entirety.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the attribute data comprises copyright and license data related to software.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the attribute data is a list of copyright years related to each software object of the system.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the multiple platforms comprise document processing apparatus.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising the attribute data comprising copyright data for each software object on each platform.